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INTERVIEW SUMMARY

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Aaron Chatterjee (3) _____
(2) Jaime Corrigan (4) _____

Date of Interview 2-4-04

Type: ☒ Telephonic ☐ Televideo Conference ☐ Personal (copy is given to ☐ applicant ☐ applicant's representative).

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, brief description: _____

Agreement ☐ was reached. ☒ was not reached.

Claim(s) discussed: Claims 1, 17

Identification of prior art discussed: Lichti et al. PN 6,308, 672

Description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments:

Discussed the possibility of making claim 1 allowable by amending claim 1 to include language where rotor and protrusion shaft are formed as one piece.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments, if available, which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments which would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

☒ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview.

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